



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Ester FRIDE et al. Confirmation No.: 6091
Application No.: 09/698,071 Group Art Unit: 1621
Filed: October 30, 2000 Examiner: S. Barts
For: AGONISTS SPECIFIC FOR THE Attorney Docket No.: 87754-7100
PERIPHERAL CANNABINOID
RECEPTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 13, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and comments for entry into the above-identified application.

The **CLAIMS** section begins on page 2 of this paper, and the **REMARKS** section begins on page 6 of this paper.

A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time for response two months to and including April 13, 2004, each with provision for the required fee, are also enclosed.

A Second Information Disclosure Statement is submitted concurrently herewith to submit references from the EP and HU search reports.

No fee is believed to be due for this response. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.